

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 10, 2011

The Honorable Efthimios E. Mitropoulos
Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization
London

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

I have the honor to refer to Note Verbale A1/B/1.19 (NV.38) of November 15, 2010, concerning the election of a new Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) by the IMO Council during its June 27-July 1, 2011, session. The four-year term of the new Secretary-General will begin on January 1, 2012.

In this regard, the United States has the pleasure to submit the candidature of Mr. Jeffrey G. Lantz for the post of Secretary-General. Mr. Lantz has my full support and that of the U.S. government as a whole.


Since its establishment, the United States has been a key participant and supporter of the IMO and its goals of maritime safety, security, and environmental protection. The United States considers the IMO's work to be of great importance, in its role as the premier international maritime forum where nations, international organizations, and the maritime industry come together to improve and protect virtually all aspects of commercial maritime activity.

The nomination of Mr. Lantz, Director of Commercial Regulations and Standards for the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as the current IMO Council Chairman, demonstrates the strong commitment of the United States to remain an involved member of IMO, fully dedicated to the organization's aims and objectives.

Mr. Lantz's curriculum vitae highlights his professional background, achievements, and experience, which make him, in my view, the best qualified candidate to continue IMO's excellence and leadership in promoting safe, secure, and efficient shipping on clean oceans.

I should be most grateful if, in accordance with the aforementioned Note Verbale, this letter and its enclosures are circulated to all Council members.

Sincerely yours,


Hillary Rodham Clinton